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November 5, 2007

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

Thank you for your October 4, 2007 and October 23, 2007 letters to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) regarding the proposed development at the Takoma Metrorail station.

As you and others in the community have proposed, both before and after the comment period closed on October 5, Metro staff members have reviewed the Takoma station development plan with an eye to finding additional improvements that could be made for pedestrians and for ADA transit users. Metro staff members have identified the following three improvements to the concept site plan:

1. Addition of a pedestrian countdown signal at the bus entrance on Carroll Avenue (this is described in Section V of the WMATA staff's final Compact hearing report);
2. An all-pedestrian phase at the bus entrance on Carroll Avenue, for which Metro would advocate during the District's planning process; and
3. Use of the bus bay closest to the platform elevator for MetroAccess vehicles.

The latter two improvements had not been identified at the time the final compact hearing report was sent to the WMATA Board. However, WMATA has scheduled a meeting for November 5, 2007 with Arthur Holmes, Director of Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, to describe and discuss these improvements.

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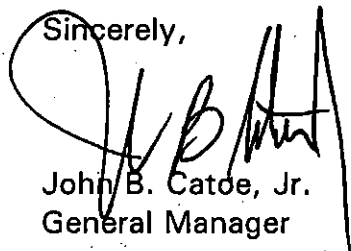
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The WMATA Board of Directors has scheduled a Board meeting on November 8, 2007, to vote on the approval of the Takoma Station staff report.

Moreover, if this is approved by the WMATA Board, there would be two additional opportunities to modify the project's current concept design: the FTA approval process and the District's Planned Unit Development process. In the event that either of these processes results in material changes to the project, the project would be returned to WMATA for a second Compact public hearing process.

We hope this letter addresses your comments. Please let us know if you have additional questions, and we appreciate your interest in the Takoma Metrorail development initiative.

Sincerely,



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General Manager

cc: The Honorable Kathy Porter, Mayor, City of Takoma Park
Gordon Linton, WMATA Board of Directors
Peter Benjamin, WMATA Board of Directors